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Title:	MICRO-ADJUSTMENT	)	
	DEVICE FOR THE STOP	)	
	PLANK OF A POWER TOOL	)	
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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT  
FOR PTO MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. § 1.322)**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, the above-specified Patentees, through their attorneys, respectfully request that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-captioned patent to correct the following error.

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The exact page where the error occurred in the application file is as follows:

FACE OF PATENT:

In Section [54]: delete “Micro-Adjustment Device For The Angle Stop Plank Of A Planar” and insert --Micro-Adjustment Device For The Stop Plank Of A Power Tool--, therefor (from Preliminary Amendment dated 10/28/04, marked-up copy of specification).

REMARKS

The above-requested change results from an error which occurred during printing of Patent US 7,360,718 B2 and which is attributable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”). It is believed that issuance of a Certificate of Correction is appropriate, and issuance of such Certificate is respectfully requested.

A Certificate of Correction form, PTO/SB/44 (also referred to as PTO 1050), incorporating the requested change is enclosed herewith.

In accordance with procedures set forth in the notice entitled “Expedited Issuance of Certificates of Correction When the Error is Attributable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office” and MPEP §1480.01 Expedited Issuance of Certificates of Correction – Error Attributable to Office”, Patentees submit herewith a copy of the Preliminary Amendment dated October 28, 2004, Office Action dated January 25, 2005, Amendment B dated July 25, 2005 and of the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated May 1, 2008 as supporting documentation so that this request can be processed without the patent file. These materials make clear that Applicants requested the above-requested correction to the title of the invention in both their October 28, 2004 and January 25, 2005 responses and that the request was simply overlooked by the USPTO.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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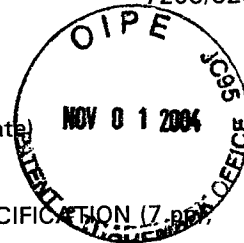
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Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☒ A Correction Regarding Small Entity Status is enclosed.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08b is enclosed.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed with a Substitute Specification and Abstract and a Marked Up Copy of Specification and Abstract.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	3	-	3	** =	0	x \$ 88.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	22	-	20	* =	2	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 36.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims						\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00
** At least 3					Total Additional Fee		\$ 36.00
* At least 20							

Application No. 10/656,324  
Filed September 8, 2003  
Preliminary Amendment dated October 28, 2004

☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CORRECTION REGARDING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c), Applicants hereby notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office that small entity status was established in the above-identified application in error. This error occurred without any deceptive intent. The following is a calculation of the deficiency owed to the USPTO for this application:



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CORRECTION REGARDING SMALL ENTITY STATUS dated October 28, 2004

Type of Fee	Current Fee Amount (for other than a Small Entity)	Previous Erroneous (Small Entity) Fee Payment and Date of Same
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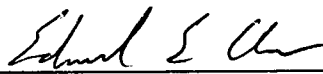
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with MPEP § 601 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants and the undersigned attorney bring the following information with respect to the above-identified application to the attention of the Examiner.

**NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

POWERMATIC 6" Jointer Model 54A, Instruction Manual & Parts  
List, WMH Tool Group, published prior to September 8, 2002,  
32 pages.

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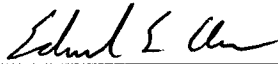
The above document is listed on Form PTO/SB/08b which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement, and enclosed is a copy of the document listed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Office Action in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached substitute specification and abstract and a marked up copy of the substitute specification and abstract.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT dated October 28, 2004

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Due to the number and nature of the amendments made to the specification and abstract, Applicants hereby submit a substitute specification and abstract for the Examiner's review. The substitute specification and abstract include no new matter and should be used in place of the previous versions of the specification and abstract, which Applicants respectfully request be canceled.

For the Examiner's convenience, marked up versions of the substitute specification and abstract are attached showing all the changes made thereto.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. CLAIM WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently amended) A micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer comprising:

a wood conveying table, said wood conveying table connected with a holding frame at one side, said holding frame connected with a stop plank, said stop plank positioned at one side on the ~~topside~~ top side of said wood conveying table for positioning a wood material, and ~~characterized by~~ further comprising:

[[A]] a hand wheel unit composed of a hand wheel and a worm, said worm actuated by said hand wheel to rotate, said worm ~~vertically~~ inserted in a preset part of said holding frame[:];

[[A]] a transmission rod ~~transversely~~ inserted in a preset part of said holding frame, said transmission rod having one end formed with a worm wheel, said worm wheel meshed with said worm of said hand wheel unit, said transmission rod having the other end formed with a transmission gear[:];

[[An]] an upper connecting rod having its front end pivotally connected with a preset part on the rear wall of said stop plank, said upper connecting rod having its rear end formed with a guiding groove, said guiding groove having its upper edge provided with multiple [[row]] teeth, said multiple [[row]] teeth meshed with said transmission gear of said transmission rod[:];

[[A]] a lower connecting rod having its rear end pivotally connected with said holding frame, said lower connecting rod having its front end pivotally connected with said stop plank[:]] ; and

[[Said]] said hand wheel turned to actuate said upper connecting rod to move back and forth through said worm, said upper connecting rod pulling or pushing said stop plank, said stop plank able to be freely adjusted and positioned at a required angle by the turning fulcrums respectively formed at the front and the rear pivotal joint of said lower connecting rod.

2. (Currently Amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said holding frame has an accommodating space formed in the center for receiving said upper connecting rod therein and a locking handle ~~transversely and pivotally~~ inserted in the opposite side of said transmission rod, said locking handle having its end ~~screwed with~~ connected to a lock block, said ~~locking block lock~~ lock fitted ~~and limited to rotate~~ in the opposite side of said guiding groove of said upper connecting rod, said ~~locking block lock~~ lock able to tighten or release said upper connecting rod when said locking handle is ~~turned around~~ actuated.

3. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said holding frame is formed integral with a stop base protruding upward on one side generally abutting said upper connecting rod, and said stop base has a stop block pivotally provided thereon, said stop block able to be turned inward and positioned on said upper connecting rod in due time, said upper connecting rod provided with a bolt base protruding upward at a preset part on the ~~topside~~ top side and a stop bolt ~~screwed~~



~~on~~ connected to said bolt base, said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at a right angle when said stop bolt and said stop block push against each other.

4. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said lower connecting rod is shaped like a plate having a stop bolt ~~screwed~~ positioned at a preset location on the ~~topside~~ top side, said stop bolt ~~exactly~~ pushing against a preset part on the rear wall of said stop plank when said stop plank is adjusted, thus said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at an exterior angle of 45 degrees.

5. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said upper connecting rod has a stop bolt ~~screwed~~ positioned at a preset location on the ~~topside~~ top side, said stop bolt ~~exactly~~ pushing against a preset part on the ~~topside~~ top side of said lower connecting rod when said stop plank is adjusted, thus said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at an interior angle of 45 degrees.

6. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said upper connecting rod has the ~~topside~~ top side above said guiding groove provided with a ~~graduation~~ graduated ruler having angle graduations marked thereon, and said holding frame has its ~~topside~~ top side provided with an index hand pointing to said ~~graduation~~ graduated ruler to indicate a positioning angle of said stop plank after said stop plank is adjusted.

7. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said multiple ~~[[row]]~~ teeth in said guiding groove of said upper connecting rod ~~[[is]]~~ form a rack directly fixed in said guiding groove from the upper side of said upper connecting rod.

8. (New) An adjustable stop plank for a power tool having a work surface, the adjustable stop plank further comprising:

a drive mechanism connected to the stop plank for continuous adjustment of the angle of the stop plank with respect to the work surface within a predetermined range of angles; and

an actuator for operating the drive mechanism to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

9. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism has an interface with at least one tooth that allows the stop plank to be moved to different angles with respect to the work surface.

10. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism includes components having a meshed interface which cooperate to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

11. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism has a threaded interface that allows the stop plank to be moved to different angles with respect to the work surface.

12. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the threaded interface comprises a worm gear having a worm driven by the actuator, the worm engages a wheel connected to the stop plank so that movement of the actuator will adjust the angle of the stop plank.

13. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the actuator is hand operated to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

14. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the hand operated actuator is a spindle movable in a clockwise direction to adjust the angle of the stop plank in a first direction and movable in a counterclockwise direction to adjust the angle of the stop plank in a second direction.

15. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising at least one stop to obstruct movement of the stop plank beyond at least one predetermined angle.

16. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the at least one stop comprises an adjustable hinderer which may be adjusted to obstruct movement of the stop plank beyond the at least one predetermined angle.

17. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the at least one stop comprises an adjustable bolt that obstructs movement of the stop plank beyond a predetermined angle.

18. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the actuator may be rotated in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction to make micro-adjustments to the angle of the stop plank.

19. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a display for indicating the current angle of the stop plank.

20. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the display comprises:

indicia to indicate a plurality of angles for the stop plank; and  
an index for indicating on the indicia the current angle of the stop plank.

21. (New) A planar comprising:

a base having a workpiece support table and an adjustable stop plank for positioning a workpiece; and

a display for indicating the current angle of the stop plank with respect to the workpiece support table.

22. (New) An apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the display further comprises:

indicia to indicate a plurality of angles for the stop plank; and  
an index for indicating on the indicia the current angle of the stop plank.

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**REMARKS**


Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-22 are pending in the above-captioned application.

The specification has been amended to correct a plurality of grammatical errors made therein. The claims have been amended to broaden the language used therein and to add new Claims 8-22. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification and, in particular, in drawing Figures 1-8. Applicants note that none of the amendments made herein are being made for purposes of patentability or to narrow the scope of the claims, thus no equivalents are intended to be surrendered by the making of such amendments. The abstract and title have also been amended to reflect the amendments to the claims.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application and respectfully request entry of the above amendments and examination and allowance of claims 1-22 as amended.

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Enclosures

## **SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

# MICRO-ADJUSTMENT DEVICE FOR THE STOP PLANK OF A POWER TOOL

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### 1. Field of the Invention

*draw* [0001] This invention relates to a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plane of a planer, particularly to one able to micro-adjust the slanting angles of the angle stop plank of a planer accurately and quickly.

### 2. Description of the Prior Art

[0002] A conventional planer has a stop plank positioned stationary on its wood conveying table, always maintaining a single angle between the stop plank and the wood conveying table; therefore after a wood material is positioned to lean on the stop plank for planing, it can be planed only at a single angle, making it impossible to be planed at a specific angle. To carry out planing at a specific angle, it is necessary to draw a line on the wood material in advance and then perform planing with the help of certain auxiliary tools, and is impossible to plane the wood material with great accuracy, making it inconvenient in performing planing work.

[0003] In view of the above-mentioned drawback, another conventional planer is provided with an adjustable stop plank which can be adjusted and positioned at frequently employed angles, such as an interior angle of 45 degrees, a right angle or an exterior angle of 45 degrees, which is able to carry out planing at a specific angle safely and conveniently. However, although the stop plank of the conventional planer can be adjusted and positioned at certain specific angles, yet such a design cannot fully meet the needs in planing work because many wood materials may be required to be planed at other different angles rather than at the aforesaid specific angles.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] A main objective of the invention is to offer a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer, able to accurately micro-adjust the stop plank of a planer at any angle from an interior angle of 45 degrees to an exterior angle of 45 degrees by turning around a hand wheel.

[0005] Another objective of the invention is to offer a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer, able to have the angle stop plank accurately and quickly adjusted at one of frequently employed specific angles, such as an interior angle of 45 degrees, a right angle and an exterior angle of 45 degrees without help of a graduation ruler.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0006] This invention will be better understood by referring to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

[0007] Fig. 1 is a partial perspective view of a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention;

[0008] Fig. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention;

[0009] Fig. 3 is a top view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention;

[0010] Fig. 4 is a bottom view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention;

[0011] Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the upper connecting rod of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention;



[0012] Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention, showing the angle stop plank adjusted and positioned at a right angle;

[0013] Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention, showing the angle stop plank adjusted and positioned at an exterior angle of 45-degrees; and

[0014] Fig. 8 is a cross-sectional view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention, showing the angle stop plank adjusted and positioned at an interior angle of 45-degrees.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0015] A preferred embodiment of a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention, as shown in Figs. 1 to 4, includes a wood-conveying table 10, a holding frame 20, a stop plank 30, a hand wheel unit 40, a transmission rod 50, an upper connecting rod 60, a lower connecting rod 70 and a locking handle 80 combined together.

[0016] The wood-conveying table 10 has one side combined with the upper holding frame 20 connected with the stop plank 30, which is located at one side on the top side of the wood-conveying table 10 for a wood material to be leaned thereon during planing.

[0017] The holding frame 20 has an inverted U-shaped body, having an accommodating space 21 formed in the center, and an index hand 22 provided at a preset location of the top side and pointing to one side of the accommodating space 21.

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insert hole 321. The stop plank 30 further has a rod-connecting base 33 with a lateral shaft hole 331 secured near the upper edge of its rear central wall.

[0019] The hand wheel unit 40 consists of a hand wheel 41 and a worm 42 actuated to rotate by the hand wheel 41. The worm 42 is vertically inserted in a through hole 26 in the top side of the holding frame 20.

[0020] The transmission rod 50 to be transversely inserted in the holding frame 20 and positioned at the lower end of the worm 42 of the hand wheel unit 40. The transmission rod 50 has one end provided with a worm wheel 51 to be meshed with the worm 42 and the other end formed with a transmission gear 52.

[0021] The upper connecting rod 60, as shown in Fig. 5, to be positioned in the accommodating space 21 of the holding frame 20, is provided with a bolt 61 at the front end to be inserted in the shaft hole 331 of rod-connecting base 33 fixed at the rear wall of the stop plank 30, and a rack 62 at the rear upper side, with a guiding groove 63 formed beneath the rack 62, which is formed with multiple row teeth 621 to be meshed with the transmission gear 52 of the transmission rod 50.

Further, the upper connecting rod 60 has the top side above the guiding groove 63 provided with a graduated ruler 64 having angle graduations marked thereon.

Thus, the graduated ruler 64 on the upper connecting rod 60 in cooperation with the index hand 22 on the holding frame 20 can indicate the positioning angle of the stop plank 30 after it is adjusted.

[0022] The lower connecting rod 70 is shaped like a plate and has two bolts 71 respectively provided at the opposite ends of its rear side to be respectively and pivotally inserted in two insert holes 23 at the opposite lower front sides of the holding frame 20, and another two bolts 71 respectively provided at the opposite ends of its front side to be respectively and pivotally inserted in the two insert holes 321 of the two connecting bolts 32 of the stop plank 30. Thus, the pivotal joints of the lower connecting rod 70 with the holding frame 20 and the stop plank 30 respectively make up a turning fulcrum.

**[0023]** The locking handle 80 is transversely and pivotally inserted in the left side of the holding frame 20 and positioned opposite to the worm 42. The locking handle 80 has its end screwed with a locking block 81 to be fitted in the opposite side of the guiding groove 63 of the upper connecting rod 60 and limited to rotate therein. Thus, when the locking handle 80 is turned and locked tightly, its locking block 81 will be actuated to push tightly against or release the upper connecting rod 60.

**[0024]** In addition, the micro-adjustment device of this invention is also provided with three positioning methods able to quickly position the stop plank at three specific angles:

**[0025]** 1. A positioning method of a right angle: Referring to Fig. 6, the holding frame 20 is formed integral with a stop base 24 protruding upward on one side abutting the upper connecting rod 60. The stop base 24 has a pivotal stop block 25 able to be rotated and positioned on the top side of the upper connecting rod 60 at times. The upper connecting rod 60 is provided with a bolt base 65 protruding upward at a preset location on the top side thereof and having a stop bolt 66 screwed therein. Thus, when the stop plank 30 is turned and adjusted, the stop bolt 66 of the upper connecting rod 60 and the stop block 25 of the holding frame 20 will push against each other and quickly position the stop plank 30 at the angle of 90 degrees.

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bolt base 65, on the top side thereof. Thus, when the stop plank 30 is turned and adjusted, the stop bolt 67 will push against a preset part on the top side of the lower connecting rod 70 and quickly position the stop plank 30 at the interior angle of 45 degrees.

[0028] In operating and using the micro-adjustment device, as shown in Figs. 6, 7 and 8, before the stop plank 30 is adjusted, the stop bolt 66 on the upper connecting rod 60 for positioning an angle of 90 degrees and the stop bolt 67 for positioning an exterior angle of 45 degrees and the stop bolt 72 on the lower connecting rod 70 for positioning an interior angle of 45 degrees are respectively screwed and adjusted to an accurate position. Thus, when the hand wheel 41 is turned around, the upper connecting rod 60 will be actuated by the worm 42 and the transmission rod 50 to pull or push the stop plank 30, and simultaneously the stop plank 30 will be turned in a specific direction by means of the turning fulcrums respectively formed at the pivotal joints at the front and the rear end of the lower connecting rod 70.

[0029] Specifically, to position the stop plank 30 at the interior angle of 45 degrees, the hand wheel 41 is turned in a proper direction to let its worm 42 actuate the worm wheel 51 of the transmission rod 50 to rotate. In the meantime, the transmission rod 50 rotates, having its transmission gear 52 actuate the row of teeth 621 together with the upper connecting rod 60 to move forward and push the stop plank 30 to force the upper portion of the stop plank 30 to slant outward until the stop bolt 67 adjusted in advance on the upper connecting rod 60 exactly pushes against the top side of the lower connecting rod 70, thus able to position the stop plank 30 at the interior angle of 45 degrees.

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[0032] Apart from being quickly positioned at the above-mentioned specific angles, the stop plank 30 can also be precisely micro-adjusted at any angle, as shown in Fig. 3. To micro-adjust the stop plank 30, the hand wheel 41 is turned around to actuate the upper connecting rod 60 to move back or forth and push or pull the stop plank 30 to control its slanting angle. As mentioned above, the holding frame 20 is provided thereon with the index hand 22 pointing to the graduated ruler 64 on the upper connecting rod 60; therefore when the hand wheel 41 is turned to micro-adjust the stop plank, the upper connecting rod 60 is moved back or forth according to the angle graduations indicated on the angle graduation ruler 64 by the index hand 22 so as to micro-adjust and position the stop plank 30 at an expected angle precisely and quickly.

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MICRO-ADJUSTMENT DEVICE  
FOR THE ~~[[ANGLE]]~~ STOP PLANK OF A ~~PLANER~~ POWER TOOL

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

[0001] This invention relates to a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plane of a planer, particularly to one able to micro-adjust the slanting angles of the angle stop plank of a planer accurately and quickly.

2. Description of the Prior Art

[0002] A conventional planer has a stop plank positioned stationary on its wood conveying table, always maintaining a single angle between the stop plank and the wood conveying table; therefore after a wood material is positioned to lean on the stop plank for planing, it can be planed only at a single angle, making it impossible to be planed at a specific angle. To carry out planing at a specific angle, it is necessary to draw a line on the wood material in advance and then perform planing with the help of certain auxiliary tools, and is impossible to plane the wood material with great accuracy, making it inconvenient in performing planing ~~[[wok]] work and likely to cause danger during planing.~~

[0003] In view of the above-mentioned drawback, another conventional planer is provided with an adjustable stop plank which can be adjusted and positioned at frequently employed angles, such as an interior angle of 45 degrees, a right angle or an exterior angle of 45 degrees, which is able to carry out planing at a specific angle safely and conveniently. ~~[[[0004] ]]~~ However, although the stop plank of the conventional planer can be adjusted and positioned at certain specific angles, yet such a design cannot fully meet the needs in planing work because many wood materials may be required to be planed at other different angles rather than at the aforesaid specific angles.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] A main objective of the invention is to offer a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer, able to accurately micro-adjust the stop plank of a planer at any angle from an interior angle of 45 degrees to an exterior angle of 45 degrees by turning around a hand wheel.

[0005] Another objective of the invention is to offer a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer, able to have the angle stop plank accurately and quickly adjusted at one of frequently employed specific angles, such as an interior angle of 45 degrees, a right angle and an exterior angle of 45 degrees without help of a graduation ruler.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0006] This invention will be better understood by referring to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

[0007] Fig. 1 is a partial perspective view of a micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention[[:]] ;

[0008] Fig. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention[[:]] ;

[0009] Fig. 3 is a top view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention[[:]] ;

[0010] Fig. 4 is a bottom view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention[[:]] ;

[0011] Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the upper connecting rod of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention[[:]] ;



[0012] Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention, showing the angle stop plank adjusted and positioned at a right angle[[:]] ;

[0013] Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention, showing the angle stop plank adjusted and positioned at an exterior angle of 45-degrees[[:]] ; and

[0014] Fig. 8 is a cross-sectional view of the micro-adjustment device for the angle stop plank of a planer in the present invention, showing the angle stop plank adjusted and positioned at an interior angle of 45-degrees.

#### DETAILED ~~DESCRIPTION~~ DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

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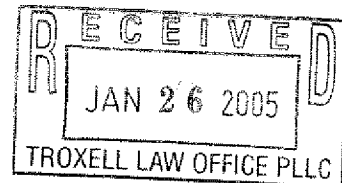
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- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Drawings*

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the *worm (clm. 1, line 9)* must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### *Specification*

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- Claim 1, line 1 "*atop*" should be --a stop--

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•Claim 4, line 3, "is shaped a plate" is unclear

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 3, the term, "*shaped a plate*" is not clear. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. With regard to claim 1, the phrase, "at one side" (line 4) is not clear. For example it is not clear as to whether the wood conveying table is connected to the holding frame at one side of the holding frame or if the holding frame is connected to the wood conveying table at one side of the conveying table. Clarification is required.

Further, it is unclear if "a preset part of said holding frame" referred to in lines 12 and 13 is the same as that referred to in line 10. Examiner suggests, --said preset part...--- Clarification is required.

With regard to claim 7, there is no antecedent basis for the term, "*said multiple row teeth*". Correction is required.

Claim 1 would be allowable if re-written to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection(s).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if any 35 U.S.C 112 rejections were overcome.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The art of record does not disclose a micro-adjusting device for an angle stop planer having a hand wheel, an upper and lower connecting rod pivotally connected with the stop plank and holding frame and a *transmission rod transversely inserted in the holding frame having an end formed with a worm wheel the worm wheel meshed with a worm of the hand wheel and the other end formed with a transmission gear* as set forth in claim 1.

Eschenburg discloses a micro-adjusting means for an angle stop plank/abutment having a holding frame (52), a upper (63) and lower (58) connecting rod pivotally connected to the holding frame and angle stop plank/abutment (50). Eschenburg does not disclose any transmission rod having an end formed to mesh with a hand wheel or the other end formed with a transmission gear. Eschenburg teaches adjustment of the angle stop planar/abutment made via a locking bolt (68), nut (70) and handles (71, 75). Eschenburg discloses the rotation of handle (71) to position/adjust upper connecting rod (63) and handle (75) for adjusting/position of stop plank/abutment (50).

Neither the prior art of record nor a combination thereof discloses the claimed invention as set forth in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowable if re-written to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection(s).



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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelley Self whose telephone number is (571) 272-4524. The examiner can normally be reached Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Allen Ostrager can be reached at (571) 272-4521. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular and After Final communications.

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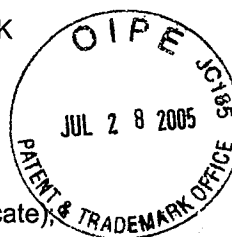
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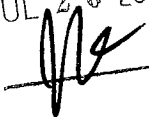
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☒ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" and "Replacement Sheet" is enclosed.
- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for reply within the third month is attached.
- ☒ A copy of the documents mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 28, 2004, including a copy of the stamped postcard (1p), an Amendment Transmittal (2 pp), Correction Regarding Small Entity Status (2 pp), Information Disclosure Statement (2 pp), Form PTO/SB/08b (1 Sheet, 1 Document (32 pp)), Preliminary Amendment (9 pp) with attached Substitute Specification (8 pp), Marked Up Copy Of Substitute Specification (9 pp), Substitute Abstract (2 p), Marked Up Copy Of Abstract (2 p), is attached.

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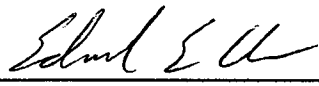
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Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for an extension of time for reply in the above-identified application for the period required to make the accompanying reply timely, or, if there be no accompanying reply, for the period for which the fee is indicated or the period necessary to prevent abandonment of the above-identified application if longer than the period for which the fee is indicated.

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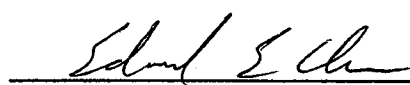
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**AMENDMENT B**

Sir:

This document is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2005 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), and is divided into the following sections:

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing FIG. 2 is attached following page 13 of this paper.



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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Initially, Applicants note that their Preliminary Amendment submitted on October 28, 2004 appears not to have been considered or entered in the instant application. Thus, Applicants have attached hereto a copy of the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment (and accompanying papers) and respectfully request that the amendments set forth therein be considered and entered in the instant application.

With respects to amendments to the specification, Applicants note that the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment included a substitute specification and abstract for the Examiner's review as well as marked up copies of the substitute specification and abstract illustrating the changes made thereto. Applicants submit that the substitute specification and abstract include no new matter and should be used in place of the previous versions of the specification and abstract, which Applicants respectfully request be canceled.

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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

With respect to amendments to the claims, Applicants submit that the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment made several amendments to the claims and respectfully request that the amendments set forth therein be considered and entered in the instant application.

For the purposes of the instant Amendment, Applicants will treat the claims as if the amendments to claims 1-7 set forth in the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment had been entered so that any new amendments to these claims (*i.e.*, amendments presented for the first time in this paper) will be more easily seen and hopefully understood. Applicants will also identify claims 8-22, which were added in the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment, as "not entered" to indicate that these claims were previously submitted but not entered.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

#### WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently amended) A micro-adjusting device for the angle ~~[[atop]]~~ stop plank of a planer comprising:

a wood conveying table, said wood conveying table connected with a holding frame ~~at one side~~, and said holding frame connected with a stop plank, said stop plank positioned at one side on the top side of said wood conveying table for positioning a wood material, and further comprising:

a hand wheel unit composed of a hand wheel and a worm, said worm actuated by said hand wheel to rotate, and said worm being inserted in ~~a preset part~~ of said holding frame;

a transmission rod inserted in ~~a preset part~~ of said holding frame, said transmission rod having one end formed with a worm wheel, said worm wheel meshed with said worm of said hand wheel unit, said transmission rod having the other end formed with a transmission gear;

an upper connecting rod having its front end pivotally connected with ~~a preset part~~ on the rear wall of said stop plank, said upper connecting rod having its rear end formed with a guiding groove, said guiding groove having its upper edge provided with multiple teeth, said multiple teeth meshed with said transmission gear of said transmission rod;

a lower connecting rod having its rear end pivotally connected with said holding frame, said lower connecting rod having its front end pivotally connected with said stop plank; and

said hand wheel turned to actuate said upper connecting rod to move back and forth through said worm, said upper connecting rod pulling or pushing said stop plank, said stop plank able to be freely adjusted and positioned at a required angle by the turning fulcrums respectively formed at the front and the rear pivotal joint of said lower connecting rod.

2. (Previously Presented) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said holding frame has an accommodating space formed in the center for receiving said upper connecting rod therein and a locking handle inserted in the opposite side of said transmission rod, said locking handle having its end connected to a lock, said lock fitted in the opposite side of said guiding groove of said upper connecting rod, said lock able to tighten or release said upper connecting rod when said locking handle is actuated.

3. (Previously Presented) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said holding frame is formed integral with a stop base protruding upward on one side generally abutting said upper connecting rod, and said stop base has a stop block pivotally provided thereon, said stop block able to be turned inward and positioned on said upper connecting rod in due time, said upper connecting rod provided with a bolt base protruding upward at a preset part on the top side and a stop bolt connected to said bolt base, said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at a right angle when said stop bolt and said stop block push against each other.

4. (Previously Presented) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said lower connecting rod is shaped like a plate having a stop bolt positioned at a preset location on the top side, said stop bolt pushing against a preset part on the rear wall of said stop plank when said stop plank is adjusted, thus said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at an exterior angle of 45 degrees.

5. (Previously Presented) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said upper connecting rod has a stop bolt positioned at a preset location on the top side, said stop bolt exactly pushing against a preset part on the top side of said lower connecting rod when said stop plank is adjusted, thus said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at an interior angle of 45 degrees.

6. (Previously Presented) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said upper connecting rod has the

top side above said guiding groove provided with a graduated ruler having angle graduations marked thereon, and said holding frame has its top side provided with an index hand pointing to said graduated ruler to indicate a positioning angle of said stop plank after said stop plank is adjusted.

7. (Previously Presented) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said multiple teeth in said guiding groove of said upper connecting rod form a rack directly fixed in said guiding groove from the upper side of said upper connecting rod.

8. (Not entered) An adjustable stop plank for a power tool having a work surface, the adjustable stop plank further comprising:  
a drive mechanism connected to the stop plank for continuous adjustment of the angle of the stop plank with respect to the work surface within a predetermined range of angles; and  
an actuator for operating the drive mechanism to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

9. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism has an interface with at least one tooth that allows the stop plank to be moved to different angles with respect to the work surface.

10. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism includes components having a meshed interface which cooperate to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

11. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism has a threaded interface that allows the stop plank to be moved to different angles with respect to the work surface.

12. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the threaded interface comprises a worm gear having a worm driven by the actuator, the worm engages a wheel connected to the stop plank so that movement of the actuator will adjust the angle of the stop plank.

13. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the actuator is hand operated to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

14. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the hand operated actuator is a spindle movable in a clockwise direction to adjust the angle of the stop plank in a first direction and movable in a counterclockwise direction to adjust the angle of the stop plank in a second direction.

15. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising at least one stop to obstruct movement of the stop plank beyond at least one predetermined angle.

16. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the at least one stop comprises an adjustable hinderer which may be adjusted to obstruct movement of the stop plank beyond the at least one predetermined angle.

17. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the at least one stop comprises an adjustable bolt that obstructs movement of the stop plank beyond a predetermined angle.

18. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the actuator may be rotated in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction to make micro-adjustments to the angle of the stop plank.

19. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a display for indicating the current angle of the stop plank.

20. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the display comprises:  
indicia to indicate a plurality of angles for the stop plank; and  
an index for indicating on the indicia the current angle of the stop plank.

21. (Not entered) A planar comprising:  
~~a base having a workpiece support table and~~ an adjustable stop plank for positioning a workpiece; and  
a display for indicating the current angle of the stop plank with respect to the workpiece support table.

22. (Not entered) An apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the display further comprises:  
indicia to indicate a plurality of angles for the stop plank; and  
an index for indicating on the indicia the current angle of the stop plank.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to FIG. 2 and is meant to replace the original sheet including FIG. 2. In the attached drawing sheet, the duplicate occurrence of reference numeral "41" in FIG. 2 has been changed to "42" in order to identify the worm gear identified in claim 1, line 9.

Attachments:            Replacement Sheet of Drawings including FIG. 2;  
                              Annotated Sheet of Drawings including FIG. 2.



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#### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-22 are pending in the above-captioned application. In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a) and claims 1 and 4 were objected to for various informalities. Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and claims 2-6 were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and amended to overcome any 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections attributable to claim 1. For convenience, Applicants will address each of these objections/rejections separately below.

#### **I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation the determination that claims 2-6 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and amended to overcome any 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejections attributable to claim 1. (See Office Action, p. 4). Applicants also note with appreciate the determination that claim 1 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowable if re-written to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections.

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and submit that claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance for the reasons specified below in Section IV. As these amendments have slightly changed the wording of claim 1, and specifically the language cited in the reasons for allowance, Applicants will not address the specific statement of reasons for allowance until a Notice of Allowance or further correspondence from the USPTO are received.

## **II. Drawing Objections Under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a)**

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) because they fail to show each and every feature of the invention specified in the claims. More particularly, the drawings were objected to because they failed to show the "worm" identified in claim 1, line 9.

Applicants have amended the second drawing sheet containing FIG. 2, in order to replace the duplicate occurrence of reference numeral "41" in FIG. 2 with reference numeral "42" and clarify that the worm identified in claim 1, line 9 is indeed shown in the drawings. Support for this amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings, and in particular, at paragraphs 19, 20, 23, 28 and 29 of the Substitute Specification submitted along with the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment and in FIGS. 2, 4 and 8 of the drawings.

Thus, Applicants submit that the drawings are in condition for acceptance and such acceptance is respectfully requested herein.

## **III. Objections to Claims 1 and 4 for Informalities.**

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 4 were objected for various informalities. More particularly, claim 1 was objected to for specifying "atop" rather than "a stop" and claim 4 was objected to because the phrase "is shaped a plate" was unclear. Applicants have amended claim 1 to change "atop" to "a stop" and note that the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment inadvertently corrected this error without showing the change that had been made. Thus, the correction is shown in the amendments to the claims illustrated herein. Support for this amendment may be found throughout the application, and in particular, in the title of the application and on pages 1-7 of the specification.

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In the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment, Applicants corrected claim 4 to clarify that the "lower connecting rod is shaped like a plate" rather than "shaped a plate." Support for this amendment may be found throughout the application, and in particular, in paragraph 21 of the Substitute Specification submitted along with the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment and in FIG. 5 of the drawings.

Thus, Applicants submit that the objections to claims 1 and 4 have been addressed and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of these claims. Applicants further note that the amendments to claims 1 and 4 are neither narrowing amendments nor amendments made for the purposes of patentability. Therefore, no equivalences are intended to be surrendered by the making of these amendments.

#### **IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applications regard as their invention. More particularly, claim 1 was rejected because the phrases "at one side" and "a preset part" were not clear and claim 7 was rejected because there was no antecedent basis for the term "said multiple row teeth."

Applicants have amended claim 1 to delete the phrases "at one side" and "a preset part" in order to clarify what is being claimed in claim 1. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the application, and in particular, in paragraphs 15-33 of the Substitute Specification accompanying the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment and in FIGS. 1-8.

With respect to claim 7, Applicants note that the October 28, 2004 Preliminary Amendment amended claims 1 and 7 to remove references to "multiple

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row teeth." This amendment appears to address the antecedent basis issues raised in the Office Action.


Thus, Applicants submit that the rejections of claims 1 and 7 have been overcome and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of these claims. Applicants further note that the amendments to claims 1 and 7 are neither narrowing amendments nor amendments made for the purposes of patentability. Therefore, no equivalences are intended to be surrendered by the making of these amendments.

#### V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-22 are patentable over the cited references and hereby respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-22.

Respectfully submitted,  
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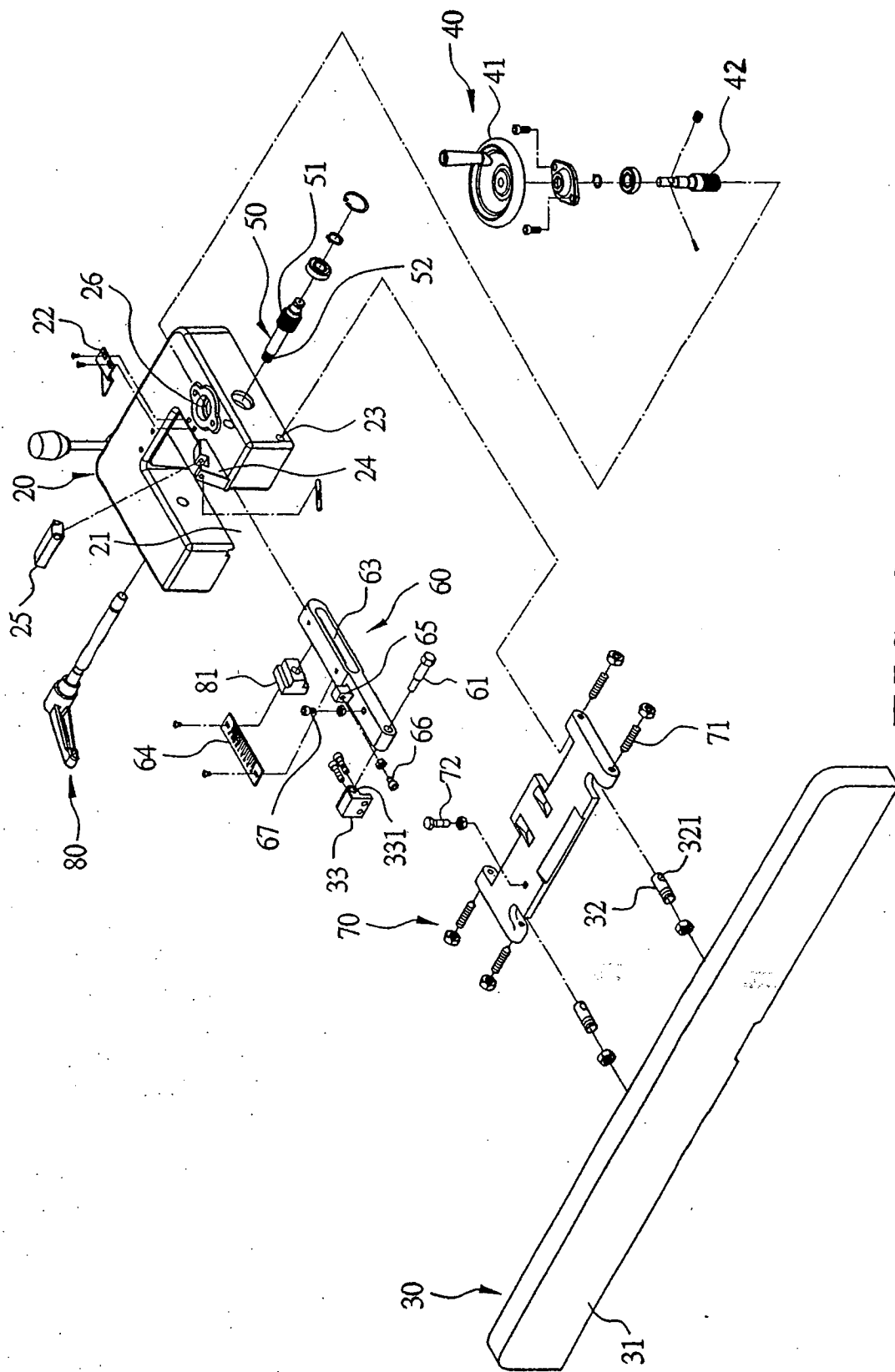


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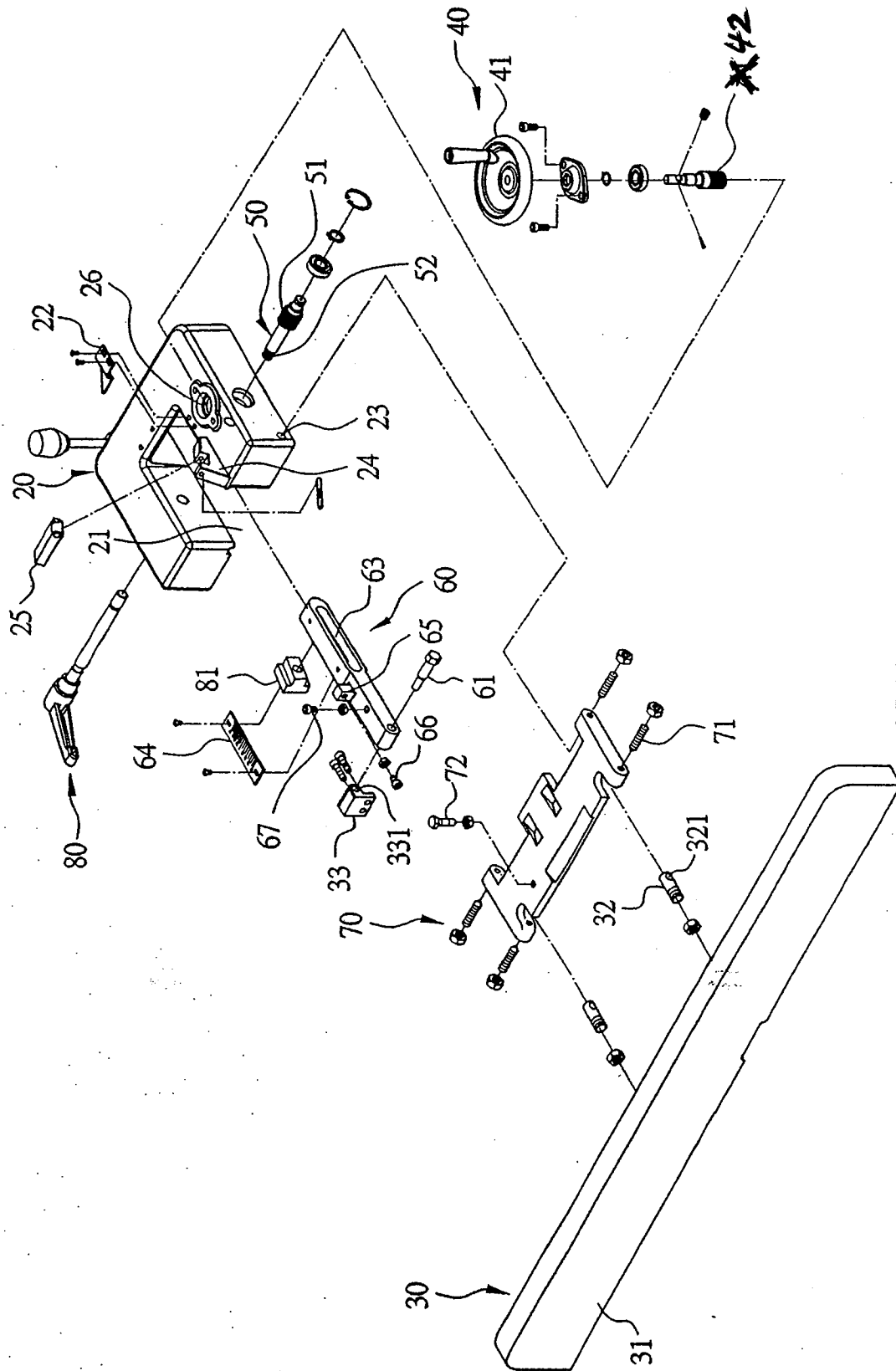


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3725

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/656,324	09/08/2003	Bor Yann Chuang	7203/82350	9202

TITLE OF INVENTION: MICRO-ADJUSTMENT DEVICE FOR THE ANGLE STOP PLANK OF A PLANER

APPL. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/656,324

Examiner

Shelley Self

Applicant(s)

CHUANG, BOR YANN

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 12 and 28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
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9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

/Shelley Self/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3725

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PATENT NO. : 7,392,830

APPLICATION NO.: 10/656,324

ISSUE DATE : 07/01/2008

INVENTOR(S) : Xun Lei et al.

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

### FACE OF PATENT:

Section [54]: delete "Micro-Adjustment Device For The Angle Stop Plank Of A Planar" and insert

--Micro-Adjustment Device For The Stop Plank Of A Power Tool--, therefor.

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